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**CLOSED-LOOP PURGING SYSTEM FOR LASER** For:

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as shown below:

- (Amended) A method of minimizing contamination of optical components of a laser, the components being located in an gaseous atmosphere within a enclosure, the gaseous atmosphere capable of containing contaminants including water organic vapor, and suspended particulate matter, the method comprising the steps of:
  - stracting gas from the atmosphere within the enclosure; (i)

sing the extracted gas through a first medium selected to reduce the (ii)

water vapor content thereof;

following step (ii), passing the extracted gas through a second medium selected to reduce the organic vapor content thereof;

following step (iii) passing the extracted gas through a filter selected to reduce the particulate matter content thereof;

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